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REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. In response to the office action, applicants have amended the specification and claims 11, 12, and 14. Claims 1-25 remain pending for reconsideration.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-10 and 15-25 and for indicating allowable subject matter in claims 12-14.

Applicants have amended allowable claims 12 and 14 to be in independent form, in order to place those claims in condition for allowance. Such amendment is only directed to matters of form and is not for any reason related to patentability. Applicants note that amended independent claims 12 and 14 correspond identically to the originally presented dependent claims 12 and 14, except for their form, and no claim scope or equivalents are surrendered by way of these amendments.

The drawings were objected to because of an informality. Applicants have amended the specification in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, to add the reference numeral 450 to the description. No new matter has been added.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,656,360 (Faykish). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the following reasons.

The office action refers to embossing mentioned in col. 3, lines 10 of Faykish and essentially argues that the material is not 100% reflective and must inherently absorb at least some incident light. Applicants disagree with this assertion, or that even if true, that claim 11 as originally presented would be anticipated by Faykish. However, for business reasons not related to patentability, namely to expedite the prosecution of the present application, Claim 11 has been amended to clarify that the adjacent structures are formed

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to trap a significant portion of incident light therebetween. Faykish does not teach or suggest this claim feature.

As previously noted, it appears that the embossed layer in Faykish pertains to a pattern which is desired to be visible to the naked eye, and therefore would not be structured to trap incident light. Accordingly, Faykish teaches away from the recited adjacent structures formed to trap a significant portion of incident light therebetween.

Because the embossing disclosed in Faykish fails to teach or suggest adjacent structures formed to trap a significant portion of incident light therebetween, claim 11 is not anticipated by and is patentable over Faykish.

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested. Early notification of the same is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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